

## Laptop/Twitter Oversight Hearing Message Guidance

### More Trump-Style Political Stunts at the Expense of America's Priorities

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**KEY POINT:** Instead of focusing on the issues that matter to hard-working Americans, James Comer, Marjorie Taylor Greene and MAGA Republicans who run the show on the Oversight Committee are planning political stunts designed to exact revenge on President Biden and his family for defeating them and Donald Trump in an election they won't admit they lost. These MAGA leaders are willing to do anything to gain more power, including using Trump-style politics to spread conspiracy theories and false smears.

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- **The MAGA Republicans on the Oversight Committee would rather perform political stunts than address the real issues that keep Americans up at night.** They have the wrong priorities. MAGA Republicans have made clear their focus is on conducting political stunts, and the issues that concern hard-working Americans will have to take a backseat. Instead of focusing on issues American families care about, like the cost of healthcare, House Oversight Committee Chair Comer is attacking social media companies for no other reason than to advance outrageous right wing conspiracy theories about President Biden and his family.
- **MAGA has taken over the House Oversight Committee.** MAGA leaders like Marjorie Taylor Greene, Lauren Boebert, and James Comer are calling the shots on the Oversight Committee and leading these Trump-like political attacks. They would rather spread conspiracy theories than tell the truth. Among the [26 Republican members of the Oversight Committee](#):
  - 16 voted to overturn the 2020 election
  - 5 have spread QAnon conspiracy theories
  - 5 were key figures in the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol
  - 3 reportedly asked for presidential pardons
  - 2 have spoken at white nationalist conferences
  - 3 refused a subpoena from the January 6th committee
- **The MAGA politicians smearing President Biden's family are hypocrites, after ignoring Donald Trump and his children's numerous conflicts of interest.**

While Republicans are mounting a smear campaign against President Biden and his only surviving son, a private citizen, they have ignored blatant corruption by former

President Trump and his family who systematically profited off of their Administration while they were government officials. Now they are using Trump-style political warfare to weaken President Biden and gain power for themselves so they can pass a national abortion ban, dismantle Social Security and Medicare and restore MAGA control of congress and the White House.

When Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner made up to [\\$640 million](#) while working in the White House and had access to classified information, these MAGA politicians voted against subpoenas needed to conduct important investigations.

- Jared Kushner [met privately with top Citibank executives](#) at the White House while his company sought large loans from them.
- Ivanka Trump [met with Chinese President Xi Jinping](#) while her company's patents were under review by China. During the Trump Administration, the Chinese government granted at [least 18 trademarks](#) to companies linked to President Trump and Ivanka Trump.

- **Oversight Republicans are using Trump-style tactics to hurt President Biden politically and help elect Donald Trump.**

- Chair Comer [admitted](#) that his partisan investigations are designed to discourage President Biden from running for re-election.
- Oversight Committee member Jim Jordan [said](#) he hoped the GOP-led investigations of the Biden administration would “help frame up the 2024 race, when I hope, and I think President Trump is going to run again and we need to make sure that he wins.”

### **ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND:**

- **Voters want Republicans in Congress to focus on inflation, not investigations.** The American people want Congress to focus on kitchen table issues, not spending time on partisan political stunts.
  - 55% of Americans think the GOP is most focused on investigations, when only 16% say it's important (40-point gap). [Navigator Research](#), (2/1/23)
  - Among all U.S. adults, 65% are more concerned that Republicans in Congress will focus too much on investigating the Biden administration, while 32% are more concerned that congressional Republicans will focus too little on this. [Pew Research Center](#), (1/31/23)
  - 55% of Americans say congressional Republicans will spend too much time investigating Biden and not enough time on other priorities, while a combined 63% have no to little confidence that Congress will conduct a fair and impartial investigation into Biden and his administration. [NBC News](#), (1/29/23)
- **Fact Checkers have consistently Debunked MAGA attacks on Biden's family.**
  - When Congressional Republicans claimed that Hunter Biden had classified documents on his laptop, [The Washington Post's Fact Checker](#) wrote: “Laptop email suggests Hunter Biden read newspapers, not classified documents.”
  - When James Comer claimed that Hunter Biden's suspicious activity reports (SARs) indicated that banks were “pretty confident” that a crime was committed,

the Washington Post's fact checker [wrote](#) Comer "needs to get his facts straight" and explained that the filing of SARs "does not mean that he committed 'serious crimes' or that banks were 'pretty confident' that a serious crime was committed."

**KEY WORDS:**

MAGA Republicans

Political stunts

Trump-style politics

Distraction

Wrong priorities

No credibility

*For the latest information, talking points, and research that exposes the reality behind Republicans' political stunts targeting the Biden Administration, visit: [congressionalintegrity.org/resources](https://congressionalintegrity.org/resources).*